

Table 5b. Average Cost, Aid, Net Cost, and Percent of Cost Covered by Enrollment Level, 1996-1997: Full-Time Students

| Cost and aid                         | Postsecondary cost, aid, net cost, and percent of cost covered: full-time students |                            |                            |                                  |   |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
|                                      | Total<br>enrolled<br>full-time   | Enrollment level           |                            |                                  | Vocational,<br>technical,<br>business school,<br>or other |
|                                      |  | College<br>years<br>1 to 2 | College<br>years<br>3 to 4 | College<br>years 5<br>and higher |   |
| TOTAL, 17 years and older            |  |                            |                            |                                  |   |
| Total cost                           |  |                            |                            |                                  |   |
| Mean (Average)                       | \$8,667  | \$7,780                    | \$9,562                    | \$13,518                         | \$4,283   |
| Standard error                       | \$188  | \$265                      | \$320                      | \$650                            | \$352   |
| Total aid                            |  |                            |                            |                                  |   |
| Mean (Average)                       | \$3,745  | \$3,190                    | \$3,605                    | \$7,668                          | \$1,991   |
| Standard error                       | \$124  | \$165                      | \$194                      | \$542                            | \$193   |
| Net cost                             |  |                            |                            |                                  |   |
| Mean (Average)                       | \$4,922  | \$4,590                    | \$5,957                    | \$5,850                          | \$2,291   |
| Standard error                       | \$189  | \$279                      | \$328                      | \$695                            | \$360   |
| Percent of total cost covered by aid |  |                            |                            |                                  |   |
| Mean (Average)                       | 39   | 37                         | 37                         | 46                               | 42  |
| Standard error                       | 1  | 1                          | 1                          | 3                                | 3   |
| None received                        |  |                            |                            |                                  |   |
| Total cost                           |  |                            |                            |                                  |   |
| Mean (Average)                       | \$7,443  | \$6,726                    | \$8,597                    | \$11,307                         | \$3,786   |
| Standard error                       | \$287  | \$403                      | \$507                      | \$1,029                          | \$585   |
| Total aid                            |  |                            |                            |                                  |   |
| Mean (Average)                       | (X)  | (X)                        | (X)                        | (X)                              | (X)   |
| Standard error                       | (X)  | (X)                        | (X)                        | (X)                              | (X)   |
| Net cost                             |  |                            |                            |                                  |   |
| Mean (Average)                       | \$7,443  | \$6,726                    | \$8,597                    | \$11,307                         | \$3,786   |
| Standard error                       | \$287  | \$403                      | \$507                      | \$1,029                          | \$585   |
| Percent of total cost covered by aid |  |                            |                            |                                  |   |
| Mean (Average)                       | (X)  | (X)                        | (X)                        | (X)                              | (X)   |
| Standard error                       | (X)  | (X)                        | (X)                        | (X)                              | (X)   |
| Aid received                         |  |                            |                            |                                  |   |
| Total cost                           |  |                            |                            |                                  |   |
| Mean (Average)                       | \$9,411  | \$8,490                    | \$10,083                   | \$14,672                         | \$4,616   |
| Standard error                       | \$245  | \$347                      | \$407                      | \$812                            | \$438   |
| Total aid                            |  |                            |                            |                                  |   |
| Mean (Average)                       | \$6,022  | \$5,339                    | \$5,553                    | \$11,668                         | \$3,326   |
| Standard error                       | \$167  | \$226                      | \$246                      | \$607                            | \$266   |
| Net cost                             |  |                            |                            |                                  |   |
| Mean (Average)                       | \$3,389  | \$3,151                    | \$4,531                    | \$3,003                          | \$1,290   |
| Standard error                       | \$239  | \$365                      | \$406                      | \$820                            | \$435   |
| Percent of total cost covered by aid |  |                            |                            |                                  |   |
| Mean (Average)                       | 62   | 61                         | 57                         | 71                               | 71  |
| Standard error                       | 1  | 1                          | 1                          | 3                                | 3   |

Footnotes:

(X) Not applicable.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income Program Participation (SIPP), 1996 Panel Wave 5.

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